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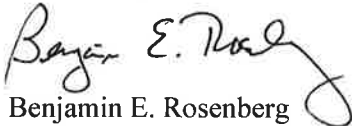
Honorable David Hittner  
United States Courthouse  
515 Rusk Street, Rm. 8509  
Houston, Texas 77002  
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Re: *United States v. The M/Y Galactica Star*, Civil Action No. 4:17-cv-02166 --  
Opposition to United States' Application for Protective Order Under 18 U.S.C. 983(j)

Dear Judge Hittner:

We represent LightRay Capital, LLC ("LightRay") in the above-captioned action. We intend to oppose the United States' Application for Protective Order Under 18 U.S.C. 983(j), filed on Tuesday (Dkt. 69). While LR7.3 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas provides that oppositions to motions should be submitted 21 days from filing, the United States did not fashion their application a "motion." Accordingly, we write out of an abundance of caution to respectfully request that this Court provide LightRay an opportunity to respond to the Government's application. We will do so by January 23, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Benjamin E. Rosenberg